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Dear Sir:

In response to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Action dated December 2, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire March 2, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend 16 as follows.